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re Application of: E. Marlowe Goble
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECONSTRUCTING
A LIGAMENT
Group Art Unit: 3738
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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed July 7, 2003 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from October 7, 2003 to December 7, 2003.

Applicant notes that inasmuch as December 7, 2003 falls on a Sunday, the response is actually due on Monday, December 8, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

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